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1. REFERENCED REPORTING ON LENGTHY SCAAS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' STRIKE HAS PROVEN HIGHLY INTERESTING. WE PRESUME FURTHER MESSAGES WILL DETAIL RESOLUTION OF THE AFFAIR AND ANALYZE ITS GENERAL SIGNIFICANCE. PENDING RECEIPT OF SUCH MATERIAL, EMBASSY'S REPORTING TO DATE SUGGESTS SOME QUESTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE YOU MIGHT USEFULLY ADDRESS.

2. IN REF B, CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT LARGE-SCALE LAYOFFS ARE ANTICIPATED SOON IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. RELATIVELY SUDDEN INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THIS CRUCIAL SECTOR WOULD SEEM TO HAVE IMPLICATIONS BEYOND IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON SCAAS MEMBERSHIP. HOW DOES THIS PROSPECT FIT INTO GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PICTURE IN OTHER URBAN SECTORS AND GENERAL LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR REST OF 1975? WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT LAYOFFS THEMSELVES WILL PROVIDE OCCASION FOR ORGANIZED LABOR AGITATION OR CONTRI-

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BUTE TO SIGNIFICANT HEIGHTENING OF POLITICAL TENSIONS. DOES

APPARENT WEAKENING OF UNION'S ABILITY TO GAIN OBJECTIVES THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN THIS INSTANCE STRENGTHEN FACTIONS ADVOCATING MORE RADICAL, VIOLENT METHODS VERSUS MANAGEMENT AND REGIME?

3. REFS A AND C REFER TO APPEARANCE OF COMITE DE ACCION Y UNIDAD SINDICAL (CAUS) FACTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING MORE CONCERNING ORIGINS, SIZE, LEADERSHIP, AND AIMS OF THIS GROUP. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT HAPPENED TO METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY STRIKE INITIATED BY CAUS AND REPORTED IN REF A? DOES THIS GROUP HAVE ANY LINKS WITH FSLN OR OTHER GROUPS ABROAD?

4. PREVIOUS REPORTING CONCERNING UDEL COALITION HAS POINTED TO SCAAS AND CGT-I CONFEDERATION AS PROVIDING POTENTIAL ELEMENT OF EFFECTIVE LEVERAGE VIS-A-VIS GON. HOW DO UDEL LEADERS VIEW OUTCOME OF THIS STRIKE AND ITS MEANING FOR UDEL'S VIABILITY AS A POLITICAL FORCE?

5. REF C MENTIONED UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY NEW MINLAB CARDOZE TO PUT FORWARD A WAGE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE EFFECT OF CARDOZE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE STRIKE ON HIS STANDING WITH MANAGEMENT, LABOR AND, MOST ESPECIALLY, WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA. KISSINGER

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